

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 have been amended. Claims 1-18 remain for further consideration. No new matter has been added.

The objections and rejections shall be taken up in the order presented in the Official Action.

1. Claims 1-18 currently stand rejected for allegedly claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent 6,714,256.

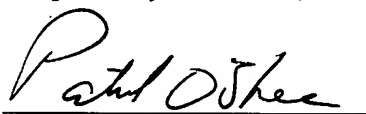
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A terminal disclaimer is enclosed to obviate any obviousness type double patent rejection.

For all the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-18 is respectfully requested.

If a telephone interview could assist in the prosecution of this application, please call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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